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SUBJ : FY-74 AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR--WATER RESOURCES

1. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIAL REQUEST FROM AMCONSUL KADUNA, EMBASSY HAS CHOSEN WATNER RESOURCES AS THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR. PROPOSE 30-DAY U.S. TOUR FOR OFFICIALS FROM NORTHERN STATES TO INCLUDE IRRIGATION WELL DRILLING, DRY LANDS FARMING ETC. THIS PROJECT TOP PRIORITY GIVEN DROUGHT SITUATION NORTHERN NIGERIA AND FACT LARGEST ITEM ALL STATES' CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR WATER RESOURCES.

TOUR SHOULD FAMILIARIZE OFFICIALS U.S. EFFORTS AND EXPERTISE THIS AREA

AND COULD RESULT INCREASED SALES U.S. EQUIPMENT.

2. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES PROJECT WOULD LIKE TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM TENTATIVELY SET UP THROUGH EMBASSY AGRICULTURE ATTACHE WITH USDA SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE (SCS). USDA DETERMINED THAT SCS WITH ITS MANY FIELD SPECIALISTS CAN BEST CONDUCT TRAINING FOR WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENT.

PROPOSE DATES APRIL 15-MAY 15 AND COST TRAINING INCLUDING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ESTIMATED AT DOLS2,710 PER PERSON. INTERNATIONAL/DOME STIC

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM AND ALLOWANCES MAKE TOTAL ABOUT DOLS5,500. USDA BELIEVES APRIL OPPORTUNE DATE BECAUSE OF IRRIGATION SEASON AND DESIRABILITY OF GROUP TO SEE IRRIGATION PROCESS.

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3. IF DEPT. SO RECOMMENDS, PROGRAM COULD BE EXTENDED TO 45 DAYS TO ALLOW FOR OTHER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS, SUCH AS WITH AID, FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION, TVA, NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE, CARE, ETC. USDA/SCS WILL ATTEMPT INCLUDE WEST COAST VISITS TO MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS IRRIGATION AND WELL DRILLING EQUIPMENT.

4. DAVID GOWON, BROTHER OF HEAD OF STATE, CURRENTLY STUDYING IRRIGATION ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, MIGHT BE INCLUDED AFTER GROUP ARRIVES U.S.

5. EMBASSY NOMINATIONS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

6. USDA CONTACT IS L.J. MCMILLAN, ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE.
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